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Modern Family Policy and its Relation to the Employment Policy

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1. Traditional (classic) Conception of Family

European countries are aware of the need for an active approach to family policy. Their future depends on the birth of large numbers of children, on children being raised in beneficial social environments, and educated as responsible individuals able to live in society. These assumptions are, however, in today's environment very sensitive. The primary decisions are not part of the state competence. These are personal responsibilities of men and women in the sphere of personal liberty, and this responsibility cannot fall within the competence of any law. Last, but not least, public welfare depends on individual family planning and the educational abilities of parents. The state, however, is not indifferent to these basic life principles. Issues, that cannot be governed by the state can be, at least, supported by it, and what cannot be ordered by the state can be, at least, stimulated by it. The state can ensure legal and real conditions that will support families and their willingness to have children. 2 The possibilities for influencing are limited. However, these are very strongly perceived by European states. States have elaborated on the concepts of family policy that currently combine, on various levels, the traditional patterns and needs of current life. From Finland to Greenland, the family policy map is a reflection of variety and national specifics.

The topics are very varied: equalization of genders and protection against discrimination, equal treatment on the labour market, protecting mothers, parental leave, childcare, social benefits, fighting child poverty, continuous supply of financial subsidies in relation to demographical changes, and many others.

Two different systems do not enable a comprehensive concept to be produced. Nevertheless, we can talk about two dominant directions: economic and emancipatory. From the economic view point, family is perceived as a disturbing factor of the economic process because childcare deprives the economy of a work force, thus depleting a valuable financial source. In the majority of cases this is the mother. Politicians strive to use this situation on the market as best they can. Childcare is not considered to be employment and therefore not evaluated as such in statistics On the contrary; mother care results in a decrease of the employment of women. In this context, however, the family seems to be an inevitable base for resolving demographic issues, which create a burden for the labour market, systems of social support and state budget. Therefore, the family is supported, for the economy - in the jargon of the EU in each role that it plays in "the creation and reproduction of

socio-economy potential.3 The factor of emancipation is also significant in the European family policy; it strives to achieve an absolute equalization of genders, cancellation of traditional division of roles - men work, women take care of children and the household; removal of the existing imbalance, ensuring the compatibility of family and employment for both parties and enabling mutual financial independence for men and women. In the conflict of intentions between equalizing genders, the freedom of both partners and in establishing tasks of them in the family, the European Union is biased towards equalization by the model of gender equality.

Completely shadowed by the main objectives is the objective, which should be, objectively, a priority of the family policy agenda: child's well-being. Let us not forget: for the child itself, not because of the demographical balance, employment policy or because of equalizing parents.

The European Union is expected to find the key to solving the existing problems of family policy. Member states' governments hope that they will be able to better enforce their own, unpopular objectives via supranational instances, which are remote from voters, far from the oppositions and there is no public pressure imposed other than via national parliaments. The importance of family policy is generally acknowledged, so it is evident that decisions should be made at the highest level. The national family policy must, however, overcome a legal obstacle: proof of qualification.

On the other hand, member states do not have to provide such evidence. Their authority to decide on family policy issues is understood on its own. The power of its authorizations - the state determines its authorizations on its own by the content and objective of tasks, which the state wishes to attend to. Supremely, it defines its own sphere of action. The state as such disposes of virtual general authorizations. The state uses these based on individual political needs, while emphasizing ideas of general well being, within the constitutional limits.4

And this very thing is withheld from the European Union. It does not have the specifics that make the state. It is governed by laws of a limited number of authorized agents for individual cases.5 Its uniqueness is within the limits contractually limited authorizations and contractually determined objectives (Art. 5, Para. 1, EEC Treaty). It does not have any authorizations to issue legal norms.6 Nor has it any other authorizations.7 As a simple union of states, it is inclined against authorizations that were transferred to it by the treaties of

individual member states. The states are in charge of treaties. The legal acts of the Community must respect the legal base thereof in the form of explicit references or other supporting points. 8 If the authorization for the family policy sphere is missing, it is acting ultra vires.

2. Concept of Family in Modern Society

Essential rights treat the family in another, personal context. The family is perceived as a natural, original society. If, by the Lisbon Treaty, the European Charter of Essential Rights becomes legally binding, the question arises of where the basic articles on the family should not be given more attention from the viewpoint of a comprehensive family policy. This applies to ensuring legal, economic and social protection of the family (Art. 33, Para. 1 of the Charter) and to ensuring from the viewpoint of unified family and professional life, that each individual has the right to be protected against being discharged because of maternity, as well as a title to a paid maternity leave after the birth or adoption {Art. 33, Para. 2 of the Charter).9 European politicians expect these provisions to increase the efficiency of the European family policy. 10 However, legal support for these political expectations cannot be sustained by articles contained in a summary of essential rights. Essential rights assume the specification of authorizations. They control and specify the scope of their actions, but do not substantiate them. According to the Charter, essential rights are supranational, if sufficient. However, they do not contain any new authorizations 11 and do not extend the scope of their activity.

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Comments: The issue of specification of authorizations is driven by who can decide, not by what the right decision should be. The agenda, thus, is not family policy as such, but is a debate on a political level on who is authorized to decide in this sphere.

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Table 1: Development of the Fertility Rate

| Years : | 1970 | 1990 | 2007 |
|---------|------|------|------|
| Country | | | |
| A | 2.29 | 1.45 | 1.37 |
| В | 2.25 | 1.62 | 1.64 |
| BG | 2.18 | 1.81 | 1.39 |

| CY | 2.54 | 2.42 | 1.80 | |
|-------|-------------------|------|------|---|
| cz | 1.91 | 1.89 | 1.22 | |
| D | 2.03 ¹ | 1.45 | 1.40 | |
| DK | 1.95 | 1.67 | 1.74 | |
| E | 2.90 | 1.36 | 1.29 | |
| EST | 2.16 | 2.04 | 1.41 | |
| F | 2.47 | 1.78 | 1.98 | |
| FIN | 1.82 | 1.78 | 1.73 | |
| GR | 2.39 | 1.39 | 1.35 | |
| Н | 1.98 | 1.87 | 1.33 | |
| I | 2.42 | 1.33 | 1.29 | |
| IRL | 3.93 | 2.11 | 1.86 | |
| L | 1.98 | 1.61 | 1.78 | |
| LT | 2.40 | 2.03 | 1.21 | |
| LV | 2.01 | 2.02 | 1.28 | |
| М | 2.02 | 2.04 | 1.51 | |
| NL | 2.57 | 1.62 | 1.66 | |
| Р | 2.83 | 1.57 | 1.48 | |
| PL | 2.80 | 2.04 | 1.26 | |
| RO | 2.88 | 1.83 | 1.38 | |
| s | 1.92 | 2.13 | 1.66 | |
| sĸ | 2.40 | 2.09 | 1.33 | |
| SLO | 2.10 | 1.46 | 1.46 | |
| UK | 2.43 | 1.83 | 1.66 | |
| EU 15 | 2.38 | 1.58 | 1.55 | |
| EU 27 | 2.22 | 1.66 | 1.50 | |
| J | 2.09 | 1.52 | 1.23 | |
| USA | 2.48 | 2.08 | 2.09 | |
| IND | 5.43 | 3.80 | 2.81 | |
| VRC | 4.86 | 2.18 | 1.75 | |
| WELT | 4.47 | 3.05 | 2.59 | |
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1) West Germany only

Source: Institut der Deutschen Wirtschaft Köln 2008

Table 2: Unemployment Rate

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¹ Paid empoyment. ages 15 to 64 years in % of population of the same age;

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